

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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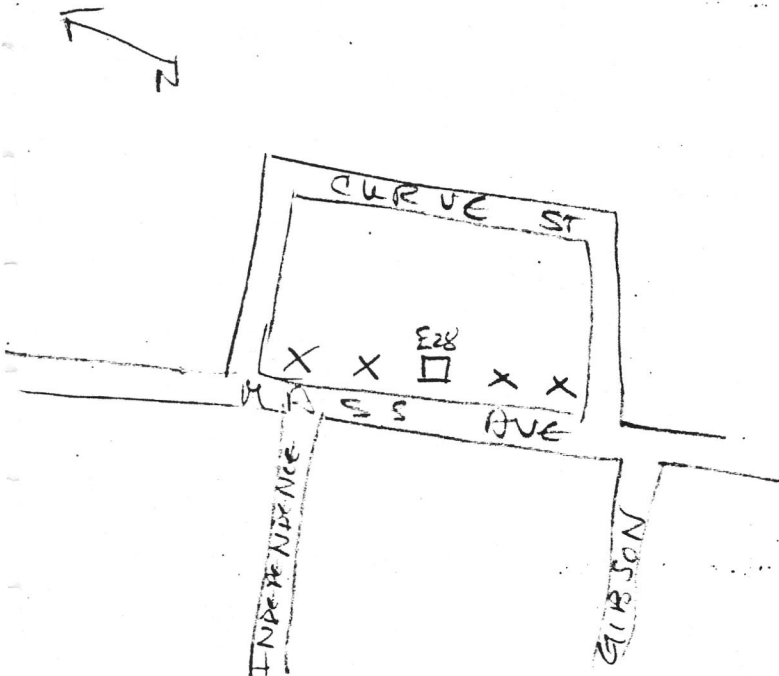
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| In Area no. E, P | Form no. 228 |
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Location Lexington
Address 847 Mass. Ave.
Name Augustus Childs House
Present use private home
Present owner Hilber & Zibel
Description:
post 1853?
Source Italianate Vernacular greek revival

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Architect _____
Exterior wall fabric clapboard
Outbuildings (describe) _____
Other features gable end to street, granite foundation; 1 story porch with square posts door
Altered _____ Date _____
Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:
Less than one acre x Over one acre _____
Approximate frontage 50'
Approximate distance of building from street 15'

6. Recorded by E. W. Reinhardt
Organization Lex. Hist. Commission
Date 7/75

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____

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(over)

F. Smith on 1875 map

7. Original owner (if known) Augustus Childs, E. Lexington postmaster ?

Original use _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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| Aboriginal | _____ | Conservation | _____ | Recreation | _____ |
| Agricultural | _____ | Education | _____ | Religion | _____ |
| Architectural | _____ | Exploration/ settlement | _____ | Science/ invention | _____ |
| The Arts | _____ | Industry | _____ | Social/ Humanitarian | _____ |
| Commerce | _____ | Military | _____ | Transportation | _____ |
| Communication | _____ | Political | _____ | | |
| Community development | _____ | | | | |

9. Historical Significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Descrip; on left; one chimney slightly to right center of roof ridge.

lot = part of Bowman Tavern property subdivided 1855, identified on survey as going to "Gleason."

According to E. B. Worthen, this was the home of Augustus Childs (b. 1818/d. 1895), storekeeper + postmaster. See also 805 Mass. Ave. Childs is still shown as owner on 1898 map.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

E. B. Worthen, Tracing the Past in Lexington, Mass., 1998, p 47